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DEMOCRATIC LAWS THAT HELP FARMERS

Federal Employment Bureau
But One of Many Achievements of the Wilson Administration.

MONEY FOR CROP MOVING

Rural Credits, Federal Reserve Act,
Good Roads, Grain Standards
and Many Other Benefits.

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Do you know that your post office is now an employment bureau? That is one of the new things Uncle Sam has started during the present Administration. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor has tackled the task of bringing the jobless man and the manless job together, and now every post office is an agency of the United States employment service. The postmaster is equipped with blanks for listing applications for labor or for employment and is instructed to help get the worker and the job in contact.

While this might appear to be principally in the interest of the worker, it is really one of the numerous far-reaching things started for the benefit of the farmer by the Administration of President Wilson. The increasing scarcity of farm labor has become a problem to the farmer, especially in the wheat-growing and fruit-growing sections. This labor, which is of a seasonal character, necessarily must be performed largely by itinerant workers. Some agency which will meet this demand and relieve the laborer of the graft of employment agencies is necessary. Uncle Sam has started it.

A single illustration will show how the system works: In the Willamette Valley of Oregon thousands of temporary workers are needed in hop-picking time. On August 20 the Oregon Journal of Portland printed a news article about the new government employment agency, stating that six hundred families could obtain immediate employment in the hop yards by applying at the Portland division of the Federal employment service.

This is another item added to the mass of accumulating evidence which shows that the Wilson Administration has tried to give both labor and the farmer a square deal. For the first time in history, this Administration has placed the needs of rural districts squarely before Congress as of equal importance with the interests of financial centers.

And why not? Financial centers would not amount to much without the nine-billion-dollar crop of the American farmer. But the interests of the farmer have not always been so prominently and favorably considered by Congress as they have during the past three years. The record of Democratic claims for farmer support is a record of accomplishment. It reads like this in the passage of laws and administrative acts:

What Has Been Done for the Farmer.
CURRENCY REFORM: The Federal Reserve Act under which the farmer's paper is given special consideration, including permission to National Banks to loan on the security of farm lands.

RURAL CREDITS: An epoch-making legislative measure which will relieve the farmer of the incubus of the short-time loan at extortionate interest. This measure alone, when in full force, will save the farmers of the United States one hundred and fifty million dollars annually in interest charges.

GOOD ROADS: Seventy-five million dollars made available for the development of roads from the farm to the market, under conditions which will prevent wasteful use of the money.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION: The passage of the Smith-Lever Act brings to every American farm, through the joint co-operation of the Federal Government and the States, the help of these agencies in solving the business problems of the farmer.

COTTON FUTURES ACT: Deals a death blow to gambling in this great staple.

UNITED STATES WAREHOUSE ACT: Enables owners of stored products to obtain loans on warehouse receipts more nearly approximating the full value of the product.

GRAIN STANDARDS: A law enacted last August authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish official grain standards. This law is working. The farmer who has been robbed through juggled grain grades for years will appreciate its value.

CROP MOVING: The surplus funds of the Treasury Department have been placed directly in the hands of the South and West to aid in moving crops during the customary season of money shortage.

INTEREST ON GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS: Banks holding government

Two Prominent Speakers

Hon. W. J. Bryan will speak at Hutchinson the afternoon of October 19th, and Governor R. B. Biehn, of North Carolina, will speak in this District as follows:

Oct. 16, afternoon, St. John
Oct. 16, evening, Kinsley
Oct. 17, afternoon, Garden City
Oct. 17, evening, Dodge City
Oct. 18, evening, Pratt

J. S. Simmons, Republican candidate for Congress from the Seventh District, addressed a part of the Meade county voters Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Smith's class, of the M. E. Sunday School will have a food sale in McGuire's store Saturday October 14. Good things to eat, cooked by unexcelled cooks will be offered for sale.

The following, taken from the Presbyterian church notes, in the Herrington Times, will be of interest to those of our readers who are familiar with the fact that Francis Backe, formerly of this place, is director of the choir referred to: "Last Sunday the rendition of a specially difficult and beautiful anthem brought forth a spontaneous burst of applause and hand-clapping even from this staid Old Presbyterian audience. You know it must have been fine. Mr. Backe will lead the choir for the winter and Mrs. Backe will have charge of the organ."

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Linn Leach
September 24th a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Clay
October 3 a girl.

LOST: Somewhere on the streets of Meade last Thursday evening ladies embroidered linen handkerchief, with tatted edge. Finder leave at this office and receive suitable reward.

Married

Mr. John Wentz and Miss Bridget Hagman, both of Fowler, were united in marriage on Tuesday, October 3 by Rev. Anthony Herman.

Mr. Burt Green and Miss Ada Brown, both of Fowler, were married Sunday, October 1st, Rev. P. C. Herbert officiating.

Mr. William C. Coe, of Plains and Miss Edna May Hammond, of Kansas City Missouri, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage on Saturday afternoon, September 30th, the Rev. S. M. Hunt, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Coe will reside on the farm north of Plains where Mr. Coe has been living for some time and is a successful farmer. Mrs. Coe was one of the successful stenographers of the city and is a lady of pleasing manner and well qualified to take up the duties in the home.

—Contributed.

deposits are now required to pay two per cent interest. This cuts off a big graft which formerly came from the free use of huge sums of the people's money. More than one million dollars revenue annually is now derived from this source alone.

IMPROVED MARKETING SYSTEM: The farmer has for years felt the power of the market combine, with its waste, inefficiency and dishonesty. The office of Markets and the Rural Organization Service, established in the Department of Agriculture during this Administration, are working on scientific lines to promote better marketing and co-operative business organization among farmers.

These beneficent measures, with many others, show why the farmer is pretty well satisfied with the Wilson Administration.

City Treasurer's Report. Quarter Ending October, 1st, 1916.

July 1, 1916 Balances		DISBURSEMENTS	
Bond Interest fund	679.42	S. & A. Imp'lem's	41.95
Sinking fund	2,251.18	Police hire and	
S. & A. Fund	100.89	killing dogs	108.00
Judgment Fund	2.31	Officer's salaries	37.50
Park fund	.36	Street lighting	181.00
Sp'l Sidewalk Fund	16.00 3050.16	Stationary etc.	15.70
RECEIPTS		Bond Int. paid	734.79
From Co. Treas.		Paid on Reservoir	
Bond Interest	365.74	Contract	1,550.00 2668.85
Sinking Fund	108.49		
General Fund	458.17	Oct. 1, 1916 BALANCES	
S. & A. Fund	232.48 1164.88	Bond Int. fund	310.46
From City Clerk		Sinking fund	2,359.67
License Tax collected	24.00	S. & A. Fund	316.17
Occupation Tax col.	7.50	Judgment fund	2.31
Poll Tax collected	291.00	Park fund	.36
Dog Tax Collected	4.00	Special sidewalk fund	16.00 3004.97
Fines Collected	52.50 379.00		
Funds Overdrawn		Funds Overdrawn	
October 1, 1916		July 1, 1916	
General Fund	1688.22	General Fund	608.44
	\$6,282.26		\$6,282.26

WATER DEPARTMENT

July 1, 1916 Balance		Disbursements	
	\$405.30	Water Com'r salary	200.00
Receipts		Oil & Gasoline	306.90
Pipe & Fittings sold	10.50	Supplies	362.96
City Water Rents	650.75	Labor Employed	155.65
Meter & Tapping	84.00	Street Sprinkler	125.00
C.R.I. & P. water rent	170.27	Water Insp'n, State	20.00 1170.51
Turning on water	2.00 917.52	October 1, 1916 balance	152.31
	\$1,312.82		\$1,312.82

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Attest: E. E. Innis, City Clerk. R. S. McMeel, City Treasurer.



Hon. Jouett Shouse
of Kinsley, Kansas
Congressman for the Big Seventh District
Will Address the People of
MEADE
At Phelps Opera House
Thursday, October 12
At 8:00 P. M.

Democratic State Ticket

The Democratic State ticket in Kansas this year represents almost every line of business and professional activities and is also unique and commendable in the fact that it gives representation to the women voters who were denied representation on the Republican ticket. The Democratic state ticket is one which will appeal to all classes of voters, both men and women. The candidates are successful men and women in their chosen pursuits. Members of all parties can make no mistake in voting for the entire state ticket put out by the Democratic party in Kansas this year.

W. C. Lansdon of Salina, candidate for Governor, is a successful editor and publisher. For a number of years he was engaged in high school and university of farmers' unions and labor organizations. At present he is the editor of the Salina Daily Union, one of the leading Democratic newspapers of Kansas, and also editor of the National Field, the official organ of the National Farmers' Union and publisher of the Kansas Farmers' Union.

S. M. Johnson of Norton, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is one of the leading attorneys of northwest Kansas. He is an able executive and would lend dignity to the position of presiding officer of the Kansas State Senate during the term of W. C. Lansdon as Governor.

Judge John T. Little of Olathe, candidate for Justice Supreme Court, position number one, was Attorney General of Kansas during the Leedy administration. He is the only old soldier on either ticket and should be supported by the sixteen thousand veterans of Kansas as well as by the other members of the Democratic party in Kansas.

Oak S. Allen of Topeka, candidate for Justice Supreme Court, position number two, is one of the leading members of the Shawnee County Bar, having served as secretary of the Shawnee County Bar Association for a number of years. He is also secretary of the Shawnee Democratic Club, one of the leading organizations of its kind in Kansas. Mr. Allen is the son of Judge S. H. Allen, formerly a member of the Kansas Supreme Court, and is now associated with him in the practice of law.

Margaret Grandle of Pittsburg, candidate for Secretary of State, is the mother of three children and has been active in child welfare and other social service work throughout the state of Kansas. She was secretary of the Democratic State Party Council and is the only woman on either of the state

To District Court

The preliminary in the case of the State of Kansas vs. J. O. West, was heard before Justice Sumner Tuesday, October 3rd.

The State was represented by County Attorney Sullivan, J. W. Davis, and R. M. Painter, and J. W. West by S. B. Amidon, of Wichita and F. C. Price Ashland.

The defendant was bound over to the District court on the charge of murder in the first degree and bond fixed at \$10,000.

Messrs Ward and Lovejoy, of New Ulysses, were in Meade last Saturday and Sunday.

tickets. She is deserving of the support of every woman in Kansas, as well as the men voters.

W. J. Duval of Hutchinson, candidate for State Auditor, is a traveling salesman making a large number of the cities and towns of the state, and a prominent member of the United Commercial Travelers. He was Deputy Hotel Inspector during the administration of Governor Hodges.

G. P. Neiman of Whitewater, candidate for State Treasurer, is one of the leading farmers and stock raisers in his section of the state. He is also a well-known banker and admirably adapted for the position of State Treasurer.

S. A. Buckland of Wichita, candidate for Attorney General, is a leading attorney of Sedgewick County. He is a law partner of Sam Amidon and Judge Dale, at one time candidate for governor of Kansas on the Democratic ticket.

J. V. Colville of Wichita, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a well-known educator of Kansas. He was County Superintendent of Sedgewick County for eight years and has been principal of different high schools throughout the state.

Frank E. Smith of Iola, candidate for Superintendent of Insurance, is one of the leading insurance men of southeast Kansas. He was a candidate for this position on the Democratic ticket two years ago.

Robert Focht of Eureka, candidate for State Printer, is editor of the Eureka Messenger, one of the leading Democratic weekly papers of Kansas. He was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives in 1913, and gave distinguished service for his party and also for the state in several important matters of legislation.

A Short Talk About Some Things of Interest to You and Your Neighbors

Where Dollar Goes, Boy Goes
In one Kansas county, where an official survey was made, calls were made at the homes of 2,436 families; 664 families said they bought at home, 628 families asked to be excused from answering questions. One thousand one hundred and forty-four families said they bought more or less outside the state, and these families very kindly gave the average amount of their out-of-the-state purchases. From each of 8 townships there were statements showing out-of-the-state purchases running up to \$50 and \$100 a year. From each of 20 townships there were statements showing out-of-the-state purchases running up to \$150 a year, and in some instances, on up to \$300 and \$400 a year. It is conservatively estimated that this county alone is sending out of the state \$150,000 a year for goods which could be bought at a fair price within its borders—\$5.38 for each man, woman and child in the county—these figures not including the amount spent for drugs and medicines by 1,081 families who said in their statements that

they were patrons of itinerant medicine peddlers. This county, which is mentioned because it is one of the best counties of the state, has ten fair-sized towns. Yet during the 12-month period preceding the time when the out-of-the-state buying test was made, eight of these ten towns lost in population, the county seat being one of the losing number. These figures may bear no relation to each other, but here is one fact the Kansas community builder should not overlook: Every dollar spent in a business way helps business in somebody's town. Every dollar spent in a business way helps somebody's town to grow. And here is another fact to be remembered: The boy follows the dollar. The father buys in the city to save money. The boy goes to the city to make money. The community loses the dollar—and it loses the boy. Without the dollar—without the boy—the home community can not grow and prosper. Kansas men and Kansas women who love their homes—who love their boys—should think on these things.